

HOME FOR MINERS BILL IS PASSED SURPRISING ALL

House Changes Mind In Brief Time and Adopts Measure for Home and Hospital By Close Vote; Cost \$250,000

By sudden back tracking, revising itself within half an hour, to the surprise of half the members and all the spectators, the house yesterday sent the bill for the establishment of a home for miners and a miner's hospital to the enrolling and engrossing committee to be prepared for a third reading. This was accomplished by a vote of 18 to 15.

A half hour before, the bill in the

committee of the whole had been rejected and recommended for indefinite postponement by seemingly an overwhelming vote. Not only did the house by precisely the same membership refuse the recommendation, but sent the bill to the committee on enrolled and engrossed bills by the following vote: Ayes—Cull, Delbridge, Eddy, Francis, Flood, Hayward, Hedrick, Little, McKay, Sealey, Stark, Vyne, Waters, Westover, Wylie, the speaker—15. Nays—Barrows, Burk, Coleman, Dobson, Galbraith, Gibson, Howard, Kimball, Lack, Lillywhite, Lines, O'Neill, Perkins, Phillips, Richards—15.

So surprising was the vote that the house was polled the second time; it was ascertained that a mistake had been made and when the result of the second poll confirmed the accuracy of the first, Mr. Howard complained that a great deal of time had been wasted.

Mr. Lines observed that the house was not bound by itself sitting in the committee of the whole. It possesses the divine right of a woman to change her mind.

Appropriates \$250,000

The bill originally proposed the appointment of a commission to select a site for a home for aged and disabled miners and a hospital within the home for those temporarily disabled or suffering from occupational diseases. The requirements for admission to the home were the age of 40 years and five years' work in or about

mines. Early in the consideration of the bill yesterday, an amendment was adopted raising the age for admission to 50 years and the required service as a miner to 10 years. Many other amendments were offered and failed.

The bill appropriates \$250,000 for the establishment of the hospital and the home, and for their maintenance, five per cent of all the revenues derived from the mining companies. Nobody seemed to have taken the trouble to ascertain how much that would amount to. Mr. Coleman made a rough estimate of the amount the county of Pinal would yield to the support of the home—about \$45,000 annually. Other counties would yield less and some more.

Mr. Barrows opposed the bill on the grounds that it was class legislation and therefore unconstitutional, and that the economic conditions of the state at this time would not justify such an expenditure as the bill proposed. All the speeches in its favor were confined to descriptions of the hard lot of the miners, the part they had played in the building up of the state. The defense of the bill in the committee was toward the last half-hearted, so sure were its friends of its defeat.

Senate Sends Memorial

On the senate side of the capitol the incident most out of the ordinary was a memorial to congress introduced by Senator Claypool at the request of the Phoenix Trades Council urging the immediate adoption by congress of the policy of government ownership of the railroads, the telegraph and telephone lines. It was recited that when the government took over the direction of the lines it was found that it would require \$1,000,000,000 to rehabilitate them and it was stated that nearly one billion had already been spent. The memorial stated as a thing settled beyond all cavil, that the railroad officials who had been retained by the administration to give physical direction to the roads, had so managed things as to try to make the administration a failure.

There was introduced into the house a bill by Mr. Peterson providing in the title for the preservation of historical data of Arizona and providing for the completion of the history of the state through the period of its territorial existence, the work to be continued by Thomas E. Parish, state historian, who has compiled and had printed eight volumes of the history. It is estimated that it will require six more to complete the story of Arizona to the admission of the territory.

House Bill 10, the measure prepared by the educational commission, was brought up in the house for the third reading, but it was discovered after it had been read that the enrolling and engrossing committees had omitted a section of the bill after allusion to it in the enacting clause. It was sent back.

New Bills Offered

Several new bills were brought into both houses. In the lower house a "truth in advertising" bill was introduced by Mr. Barrows. A violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of from \$25 to \$250 and imprisonment from 20 to 90 days, or both fine and imprisonment.

House bill 55, by Mr. Barrows amending the statutes with reference to exemptions by providing for the non-exemption of property from attachment on a judgment for the purchase price, so long as the property is in the hands of the original purchaser. Nor is any property exempt from attachment for judgment for labor performed for the judgment debtor. Professional services are not regarded as labor.

House bill 100, by Mr. Francis, appropriating \$200 for portraits of the speaker of the house and the president of the senate.

House bill 101, by Mr. Peterson, continuing the office of state historian.

House bill 102, appropriating money for the encouragement of the development of artesian water and irrigation water in the valleys of San Simon and Sulphur Springs.

In the course of the morning session, several communications were received. One was from the Arizona Great Eastern Association endorsing the work of the state in co-operation with the United States biological survey in the campaign against predatory animals and injurious rodents and asking for an appropriation of \$50,000 that the work may be continued.

Protest Against Song

A communication was received from practically all the hotel men of the state urging the passage of the bill against those who defraud hotels. A protest was received from the Woman's club protesting against the proposed Arizona march song which has of late engaged so much of the attention of the house. That is the song presented by the Cochise delegation on menses. The bill proposing its adoption was on the calendar of the committee of the whole yesterday and when it was called, Mrs. O'Neill directed attention to the fact that the territorial legislature of 1901 had adopted a territorial anthem which would serve all purposes as a state song. At the request of the members from Cochise the further consideration of the bill went over until tomorrow.

The house adopted the Delbridge memorial to the representatives of Arizona in congress and the war department urging that the discharged soldiers be allowed to retain their uniforms; that they be paid \$200, and that work be started on an ocean-to-ocean highway to give them employment.

The time of the senate was largely given over to the introduction of committee reports and new bills. The report on the bill providing for further co-operation between the state and the United States biological survey in the warfare against predatory animals and injurious rodents, contained an amendment

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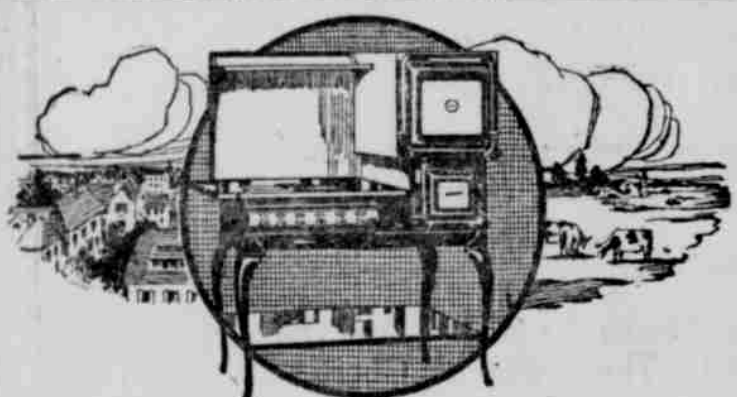
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to cover the hiatus of about three months that would have been left under the terms of the bill in its original form. It transfers the feature of the bill creating the state council of defense which authorized that body to co-operate with the survey and transfers all the funds yet in possession of the council. Under the bill now pending for the repeal of that law that funds would have been no longer available for the campaign.

More Anti-Vice Bills

Three more of the government's anti-vice bills were introduced. There was creating the board of pardons and pa-

also a bill providing for state scholarships in the state's educational institutions; a bill amending the law with reference to salaries and fees of certain county officers; a bill providing for the education of the deaf, dumb and blind; a bill empowering the state auditor at the direction of the legislature to make audits of state institutions; a bill amending the law relating to the practice of veterinary surgery; an amendment of the probate laws with reference to descent and distribution.

A bill by Mr. Winsor amends the law vice bills were introduced. There was creating the board of pardons and pa-

roles. It restores to the governor much of the power taken away from him by that act and constitutes the board in a different manner, one member to be appointed by the governor, one by the chief justice and the other by the president of the senate. There is much other rather complicated machinery proposed.

In the course of the committee of the whole work of the house a delegation of gentlemen interested in the bill amending the law with reference to fraternal insurance occupied seats in the gallery, desiring to be heard on the

bill. It was reached late in the afternoon. A motion to admit the visitors to the floor was opposed on the ground that the proceeding was irregular; that such a request would have to be preferred in writing with notice of one day. Accordingly the bill went over until tomorrow.

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